GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:1
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2006
CONSTRUCTION OF DAM BY CHINA ON SATLUJ RIVER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has built a barrage on river Satlej as reported in the Hindustan Times dated June 30, 2006;

(b) if so, whether this barrage is likely to affect adversely water situation and cause disaster in India;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has taken up the matter through appropriate channel with the Chinese Government in this regard; and

(e) if so, the response of the Chinese Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.1 TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2006 REGARDING CONSTRUCTION OF DAM BY CHINA ON SUTLEJ RIVER

(a)to(e)Government have noted that the official spokesperson of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, reacting to the news report of June 30, 2006 of Hindustan Times, has stated that the Chinese side has constructed a small scale hydro power station on Langquinzangbu (Sutlej River) at Zhada County in Tibet Autonomous Region to satisfy the daily electricity needs of local population. They held that the Chinese Government has always adhered to the basic principle of fair and reasonable development and utilization of trans-boundary Rivers and during this process of development and utilization, Chinese Government fully considers the impact on lower reaches. Assessment regarding effect of this barrage on the water situation in India is possible on the basis of information/ data in this regard.